

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-92 were pending in the original application and claim 93 was previously added in the application. As noted by the Examiner, claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80 were withdrawn from consideration due to restriction election. In the Office Action, the Examiner: (1) requested cancellation of claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80, and (2) noted that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. In this response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80 pursuant to the Examiner's request.

II. Claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80 Have Been Cancelled

As noted above, the Examiner requested cancellation of previously withdrawn claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80. Applicants have cancelled claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-40, 43, 73-78, and 80 in this application, but reserve the right to present these claims in a continuing application. Therefore, Applicants have placed this application in allowable condition according to the Examiner's request.

CONCLUSION

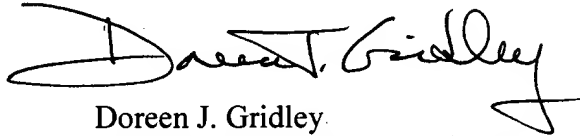
Applicants have cancelled the previously withdrawn claims pursuant to the Examiner's request. The Examiner has indicated that this action should place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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In the event the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the Applicants conditionally petition therefor, and authorize any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 09-0007.

Sincerely,

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